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Students question Field Day changes

By Bryan Shone

Salisbury University's 11th Annual Field Day will be at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium on Friday, May 2. Many people are curious about the reasons behind many of the changes like the location and the day of the week.

Heather Holmes, advisor to SOAP and director of student activities, said that the change in location of the festival was necessary. The community of Salisbury asked SU to move Field Day away from the intramural fields due to loud noise and continuing complaints from local residents of nearby neighborhoods.

Holmes said the day had to be changed due to venue availability.

"The changes were also made to improve the conditions for the students and the bands. I think the students should give it a chance and then decide for themselves," said Holmes.

This year's theme, "Take Me Out to the Rock Show," strives to illustrate the optimistic attitude that SOAP, WSUR and the entire Field Day Committee have about this year's festival, despite any modifications.

"The purpose of Field Day is to rock,"

said Ryan Grimes, concert coordinator for WSUR.

Ed Lover and Dr. Dre, former hosts of "Yo MTV Raps," will emcee Field Day.

Holmes, along with Jenn Wade, an advisor to SOAP, share the responsibility of coordinating with WSUR and SOAP in the Field Day Committee. This year the Delmarva Shorebirds are also working with these organizations to provide a more resourceful venue for Field Day 2003.

Wade said that by holding the show at Perdue Stadium, SU does not have to worry about capacity, security, restrooms and many other human resources.

"I'm going to get to that parking lot, drink as much as I can and make the most of it," said Brian Turner, a senior. "However, it's breaking a long held tradition to party at the zoo starting at 11 a.m. and walk to the intramural fields. Even the cops let us have fun that day."

"I think the students should give it a chance and then decide for themselves."
-Heather Holmes



Perdue stadium - Field Day's new field

Photo by Michelle Bennett

"Having the concert at the stadium will allow SU to fit more people in to see the bands, allow for better security, as well as give the whole concert a more professional feel," said Erin Kalins, a sophomore.

Transportation to and from Perdue Stadium will be provided by SU. Shuttles to the venue will depart from campus. Shuttles home will drop students off at several main areas around the Salisbury community to provide students with a safe ride home.

The parking lot to stadium will open at 1 p.m., allowing students to tailgate under specific policies that will be posted on the web. Concertgoers can leave their vehicles parked overnight but must pick them up by noon the next day.

A full arrangement of concessions, such as hot dogs, hamburgers and beer, will be sold at Perdue Stadium. Holmes and Wade said that Jim Terrill, the general manager of the Shorebirds, is attempting to create college meal deals, where prices are lowered just for Field Day.

"We all saw that there was a need for a rock-heavy lineup as opposed to the hip-hop-heavy shows in the past. Our goal was to address that need with this year's Field Day," said Short.

Tickets will be \$5 per student and \$10 for the public. Students can purchase three tickets - one ticket at the student price and two tickets at the public price. Tickets will be on sale starting the week of March 17. Field tickets will be the first 2000 tickets sold. After that, all tickets sold will be gen-

eral admission.

"To be honest, free concerts are kind of a thing from the past. With the economy how it is and the current budget deficits, a free concert is far fetched," said Holmes. "We tried to pick the lowest ticket price we could to break even. Eight bands for \$5 is just over fifty cents per band - that's a deal."

If anyone leaves the show and wants to get back in, they will have to pay \$10 for a new ticket. Some students are upset over the fee for re-entry.

"You can't come and go as you please, and since the bands aren't ever any good, I want to leave when I get bored and go back when I get more drunk," said Scottie Walker.

According to Holmes, the stage will be at second base, allowing room for up to 2000 people to stand on the field. This will allow spectators who purchased field tickets the option of sitting in a stadium seat or standing on the field for the show.

"It will professionalize the concert," said Holmes. She also said that there would be better hospitality for the bands, allowing them to have dressing rooms. According to Holmes, this will help SU recruit better bands in the future.

Some students do not agree with the changes made to Field Day.

"The changes are ridiculous. They are taking a tradition and ruining it," said Rachel Rinehart, a junior.

"We have worked diligently to make this the best show that we could make it," said Becca Scott, concert coordinator for SOAP.

Questions, comments and concerns can be directed to the Field Day Committee through email at fieldday@salisbury.edu.



Photo by Shane Jacobus

Students from various Maryland institutions protest in Annapolis against the latest budget cuts.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Correction-

On March 12, the U.S. Supreme Court intervened in the execution of inmate Delma Banks, stopping what would have been Texas' 300th, just minutes before he was strapped to the death chamber gurney. His case was granted a stay because of "uncured constitutional errors." The reprieve means that death row inmate Keith Clay, set to die March 20, will become the 300th Texas prisoner executed.

WHO warns of deadly pneumonia-like virus

The World Health Organization has issued a warning about a contagious pneumonia-like illness that has affected more than 150 people in Southeast Asia and killed at least six. This rare "emergency travel advisory," while placing no formal restrictions, advises that any nonessential trips to China, Hong Kong and Vietnam should be postponed.

Alleged al-Qaeda member arrested in Pakistan

Pakistani authorities arrested suspected al-Qaeda member, Yassir al-Jaziri, using information from a captured lieutenant of Osama bin Laden. The suspect is believed by U.S. authorities to be the man who oversees communication within the terror network and is among the most wanted terrorists by the United States.

U.S. tests mother of all bombs

Last week the U.S. military tested the world's most powerful conventional bomb. The Massive Ordnance Air Blast or MOAB contains more than 20,000 lbs. of TNT. It was dropped out of a C-130 transport plane, then guided to its target by satellite signals. The chairman of the joint chiefs of staff would not say if the bomb would be used in Iraq, but said anything in the U.S. arsenal could be deployed if necessary.

Dealing with the Presidents' Day storm

D.C., Maryland and Virginia want nearly \$130 million in federal aid to pay for storm related damages and snow removal costs from last month's Presidents' Day weekend storm. President Bush made an emergency declaration clearing the way for federal government to help pay for the storm.

Black Hawk helicopter crash

A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed in New York on March 11. The black hawk is the army's front-line helicopter used for air assault, air cavalry and aeromedical evacuation units. It is designed to carry 11 combat-loaded, air assault troops. There have been three fatal black hawk accidents claiming 13 lives in the army since October, not including the March 11 crash.



Missing girl found after nine months

Fifteen-year-old Elizabeth Smart was found after being abducted for nine months. She was found in Sandy, Utah shortly after 1 p.m. on March 12. Her alleged captors, Brian David Mitchell and Wanda Barzee, are now in Salt Lake City police custody. Elizabeth was apparently abducted at gunpoint early in the morning of June 5, 2002. Her sister, Mary Katherine witnessed the abduction.

Maryland crab-harvesting restrictions reduced

Gov. Robert Ehrlich's recent downscaling of crabbing restrictions allows watermen to harvest smaller crabs for the first half of the season. Previous restrictions enacted by Maryland and Virginia originally projected would have reduced the harvest by 18 percent this year. This measure may cut the number as low as 14 percent, missing the 15 percent agreed upon with Virginia. The DNR approved the decision much to the disdain of local environmentalists.

Quote of the week

"The United States will spend as much next year on defense as the rest of the world put together (yes, all 191 countries)."
-Fareed Zakaria, Newsweek

Developments in the Iraq crisis

- In "Camp New Jersey", stationed in Kuwait, U.S. commanders are poised to attack Iraq with a force one-third the size of that used in the Gulf war. The war plan involves marching into Baghdad while overcoming Iraqi military forces, and then overthrowing Saddam Hussein. This mission poses huge risks to the soldiers involved, emphasizing ground combat by Special Operations troops behind enemy lines over complex air maneuvers and long-range missiles.

- Five U.S. warships on Friday, March 14, and eight on Saturday joined the mili-

tary forces in the Middle East.

- On March 15, Saddam Hussein's chief science advisor, Gen. Amir Saadi, invited top U.N. inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed El Baradei to Iraq to discuss disarmament. Blix said he would study the invitation and discuss it with the U.N. Security Council before delivering a response.

- France, Russia and Germany requested a timetable for Iraq's disarmament from the U.N. Security Council, Saturday, while also issuing a statement rejecting war with Iraq.

- United Nations inspectors visited an Iraqi complex, which produces chemical and explosive compounds, and oversaw the destruction of three more Al Samoud 2 missiles and a launcher at a site north of Baghdad.

- Pope John Paul II met with a peace envoy in Vatican City for the purpose of urging the U.S. to avoid a war with Iraq.

- Anti-war protests continue, as people in Washington and around the world joined together last Saturday to protest the growing certainty of war in Iraq. Peace rallies were held at the White House in Washington, the U.S. air base in Frankfurt, Germany,

U.S. embassies in Greece and Cyprus, and in many areas throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

- According to a new Zogby America Poll, as of Sunday March 16, support for a war against Iraq has slipped back to 54 percent, and opposition has increased to 42 percent, out of 1,129 likely voters conducted March 14-15. Support was 57 percent and opposition was 40 percent in a similar poll from March 5 - 7. Both polls have a margin of error of +/- 3 percent.

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Students mourn loss of higher education

By Shane Jacobus

University System of Maryland (USM) students gathered in Annapolis to protest the latest budget cuts toward higher education on Wed. March 12. The students congregated around a statue of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall right next to the governor's mansion waving signs and chanting, "One...two...three...four...don't cut our budget anymore!"

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Economic Development had just approved an additional \$37 million cut for the fiscal year '04 almost 24 hours prior to the protest. If the additional cuts are approved, it would place the total budget cuts well over \$100 million. The students sent a direct response saying, "Legislators please take note, this will affect the way we vote!"

"It's really painful seeing the way these cuts are affecting universities," said Hannah Puttman, sophomore. Puttman is the vice president of the Resident Hall Association at University of Maryland, College Park. "It affects everyone. Not just the students and faculty, but also the employees who help

maintain our facilities."

The protest was modeled like a funeral procession with a casket representing the death of higher education. Many students gave a eulogy addressing common grievances such as tuition hikes, layoffs and the lack of funding for their educational programs. Then they each tossed a "diploma" into the casket as a symbolic gesture of their loss.

"With the tuition going up," said Susan Rundbaken, a junior at College Park, "it's going to make it harder and harder for my family to pay the overall cost."

Rundbaken also expressed her concerns about how the cuts would affect campus security because she works late hours on her job.



Photo by Shane Jacobus

Andrew Canter, a student representative from the Board of Regents, mentioned that USM bore roughly one-third of the entire budget cuts enacted by the State of Maryland. Today, local governments receive more

aid in state-appropriated funding.

"I think the legislature needs to get their act together and protect higher education," said Canter.

Some lawmakers came out to declare their support for higher education at the pro-

test. Delegate Justin Ross from District 23 expressed his disapproval. "These budget cuts currently on the table are going to do serious long-term damage," said Ross.

"Higher education is well worth investing in," he said, "and you are all worth investing in."

Delegate Ross vowed to vote against the latest \$37 million budget cut when it comes to the House of Delegates. Senator John Gianetti from District 22 came to the protest showing his support.

"We can't allow any more cuts," said Gianetti. "It's already been cut to the bone. We simply cannot cut it down to the marrow as well."

As the protest drew to a close, organizers sealed the casket with all the diplomas inside. For the final ceremony, they carried the casket to a hearse. Students stood on either side for a final moment of silence as the hearse drove away.

Tyler Patton, chairman of the USM student council, said this might be only the beginning of the problem. He expressed deep concern about how these budget cuts might affect Salisbury University, saying the cuts could affect various sports, clubs and other student activities.

"If students don't get involved," he said, "they're going to be the ones who suffer."

Administrative cuts questioned

By Caroline Watson

Recent administrative position cuts are causing some people to worry over the status of diversity at Salisbury University. Since the release of the restructuring plan there have been concerns about the cut made to the position of Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Affirmative Action, which is currently held by Dr. Anthony Jemison.

SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, along with her four vice presidents, decided which positions would be cut. Dr. Ellen Zinner, special assistant to the president, said that Dudley-Eshbach was concerned for the lowest paid SU employees, so cuts were made in middle and upper management.

Two of the 15 positions were cut out of her personal staff: special assistant to the president for diversity and affirmative action, and the state relations liaison. Zinner said Dudley-Eshbach decided to cut these one-year-old positions because she did not want to cut her staff positions that were older in the system.

According to the restructuring plan, the assistant to the president, the human resources personnel, the multi-ethnic concerns committee and the student affairs personnel will take on the duties of these two staff cuts.

Zinner said that Dudley-Eshbach took many things into account when deciding to cut this position. She talked to several people in the Baltimore area, which is where

Jemison resides, about other possible positions he could take.

"He was full of new ideas for diversity," said Zinner. "I think in the end this is not going to be difficult for him, but what has been difficult is the concern expressed on the campus."

Opinions of students around campus are mixed about this decision. "There will be something missing from campus and there will be a strain on diversity," said Anthony Peek, a freshman.

"As far as how it will affect the school, I don't really think it's going to have a huge effect on the campus," said Jimmy Matthews, a sophomore.

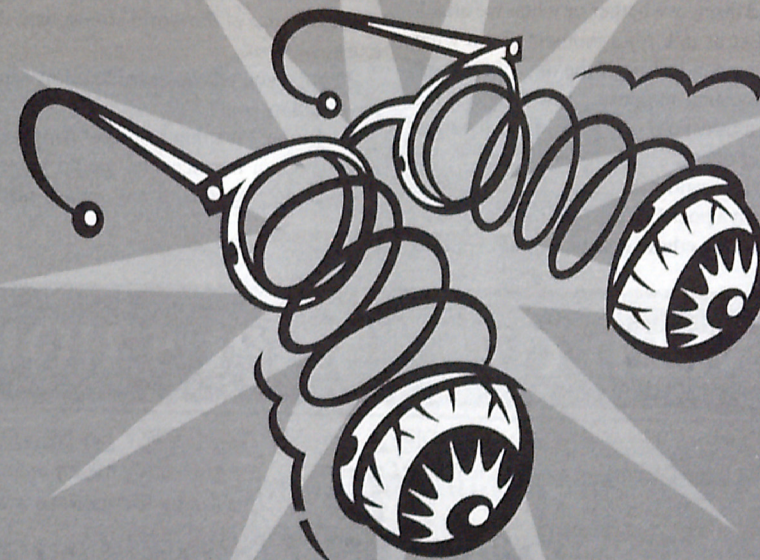
Professors asked about their opinions on the cut refused to comment. Dr. Jemison, along with the NAACP, did not respond with their opinions.

Zinner said that this is not the end of diversity, it's just a part of the restructuring plan and no one is happy about it. Dudley-Eshbach has many priorities, and Zinner said that diversity is one of the top five.

On March 20, Dudley-Eshbach is having a diversity "next-step" meeting, where she will talk about a plan to continue on diversity despite the layoffs and restructuring plans.

Zinner said that the campus is full of bright people with good ideas on how to make the campus diverse. "If diversity is about one person, then we have already lost the battle," she said. "It's got to be about all of us."

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Senator Lugar discusses politics

By Chris Weymont

U.S. Senator Richard Lugar spoke at Salisbury University on March 14 about growing concern over failed states and nation building. The lecture was part of the Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series.

Senator Lugar is serving his fifth term as Republican U.S. Senator for Indiana and sits as the chairman on foreign relations committee. He was also involved in economic sanctions against South Africa, which led to the end of apartheid and sponsors the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program.

Lugar said he believes it is failed states and nation building that will be a part of U.S. foreign policy this century. He emphasized that younger generations could face future catastrophic events. Lugar explained that because failed states do not go along with international rule of law, they could be inclined to support terrorist activities to directly influence their agendas.

"Policy makers around the world have asked whether Afghanistan can be a successful state and in my own view, it must be," said Lugar. "This is the first mission and we are far from completing it."

Lugar said that he believes that failed states threaten the world today because Soviets that were defeated withdrew from Afghanistan territory, and a power vacuum existed, leaving the Taliban. According to Lugar, the Taliban became a failed state because it allowed Al Qaeda to set up camp within its border.

"It is not my point to come to you today and discuss whether or when we attack Iraq. Let us talk for a moment about what could happen in Iraq if the day of military action occurs, happens," said Lugar. "We are on a threshold of a very modern nation building event."

Lugar said that the U.S. would need help with a post-Hussein regime because of the different ethnic groups in Iraq. He said

that addressing the humanitarian issues of a post-Hussein state is as important as rebuilding Afghanistan.

"We have to make sure that the forces we have there, either U.S. military forces or U.N. forces, don't offend Iraqis," said Lugar. "We also have to make sure that the Shiite Muslims, which make up for 60% of the population, don't clash with the 20% of the Sunni that essentially run the country."

The senator also pointed out that the U.S. does not have clear objectives for the democratization of Iraq.

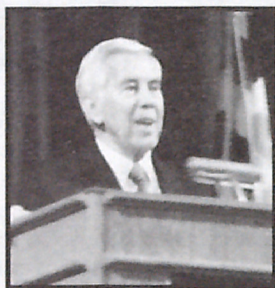
Lugar said that plans for rebuilding Iraq should be established with the American public before war breaks out. He said that when the Senate convenes to discuss the budget for the upcoming year, the costs of rebuilding Iraq would not be a part of the debate. Instead, Lugar said the cost would come in a package called a Supplemental Appropriation Bill. The bill will provide a committee to decide how much money will be given when necessary.

"The speech given by Lugar was interesting because it focused on issues that have to be dealt with if and after an attack on Iraq occurs," said Rich Hostetter, a senior at SU. "The idea of nation building that Lugar talked about was interesting but I think he failed on selling the idea that America and its allies will be able to rebuild the country into a thriving democracy."

At the end of his speech, Lugar said that young Americans could no longer be apathetic because of the world atmosphere that exists.

"I hope you take in consideration what I have said to you."

Lugar said that younger Americans would face a menace that would want to make a statement with any means necessary.



Senator Richard Lugar

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Iraqi Equation: Taking a Side

By Chris Weymont

When the Gulf War with Iraq ended in 1991, U.N. sanctions were placed on Iraq on the conditions it would disarm and dismantle its chemical, nuclear and biological programs. The U.N. inspection teams were called out of Iraq in 1998 because of the U.S. and British frustration with the inspection process.

On Sept. 12, 2003, President Bush went to the United Nations and asked for a new resolution seeking the disarmament of Iraq. U.N. inspection teams have not been in Iraq for three years. Bush said that Iraq is defying the world by not allowing U.N. inspectors into the country to verify it has destroyed all weapons of mass destruction.

The U.N. passed resolution 1441 on Feb. 8 for Iraq to resubmit U.N. inspection team UNSCOM to verify that Iraq has destroyed its chemical and biological weapon stockpile. Dr. Hans Blix heads the UNSCOM team. Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), is in charge of inspecting Iraq's nuclear weapons program.

Bush and U.S. officials believe Iraq has not disarmed and will lead a coalition of the willing to disarm Iraq if it does not comply with U.N. resolution 1441. A debate comes out of deciding if Iraq has been cooperating with U.N. inspection teams and fully complying with U.N. resolution 1441.

Advocates of the war

The Bush administration believes that Saddam Hussein has been sabotaging the U.N. and inspection process. They want military action using a coalition of the willing. Based on intelligence, Bush argues that Hussein is systematically deceiving the U.N. by using underground labs to conceal illegal materials; using mobile vehicles to hide chemical, biological and nuclear weapon facilities; and employing a team to derail the process of the U.N.

U.S. officials said Hussein does not intend to destroy the weapons. The U.S. government also believes Hussein is sabotaging U.N. teams. The Bush administration said the inspection teams have no relevance because Hussein has hidden weapons and threatened scientists not to speak to inspectors.

Secretary of State Colin Powell went to the U.N. and presented declassified information to prove that the UNSCOM efforts are rigged. Powell presented audio of his proof. "We didn't destroy it. We didn't line it up for inspection. We didn't turn it into the inspectors. We evacuated it to make sure it was not around when the inspectors showed up," said Powell translating what the evidence corresponded to.

War advocates believe that Hussein has defied U.N. inspections for 12 years, harbors international terrorists and has demonstrated in the past that he is willing to use weapons of mass destruction on humanity. Bush argued that because of Sept. 11, the rules of national security have changed.

"My job is to protect the American people. I used to think that we could contain people like [Iraqi President] Saddam Hussein ... but Sept. 11 should say to the American people that we are now a battlefield, that weapons of mass destruction in the hands of a terrorist organization can be deployed here at home," said Bush at a press conference on March 6.

Bush's administration is slowly preparing for a war with the Iraq. Bush would like an approval from the U.N. Security Council but believes he does not need one. Though much public opinion would like a Security Council approval, Bush will ultimately decide the outcome of what action to take.

Anti-War Advocates

Some people do not want a war in Iraq. Nations like France, Germany and Russia are advocating the inspection process to be carried out in full. Protesters around the world agree that weapons inspections work and should be considered and given a chance before a war with Iraq takes place.

Professor Mike O'Laughlin believes Bush would be making an unprecedented move by launching such an act against a sovereign nation.

"The war against Iraq would be immoral and illegal. Illegal because it violates U.N. charter 51 and the U.S. has not proven the specifications in which war is legal, being that self-defense is imminent threat or the Security Council has given authorization for such an attack," says O'Laughlin.

Anti-war advocates believe the U.S. could cause a great deal of collateral damage if such an attack takes place. Military strategists predict more missions to be flown in the first 48 hours of a war than all of the Gulf War combined.

The U.N. placed economic sanctions on Iraq following the Gulf War. To lift the sanctions, Iraq must prove it does not hold any more weapons of mass destruction. In a sense, anti-war advocates believe containing Hussein is a more viable solution than a war.

Some anti-war protestors believe the war with Iraq is based purely on the notion that the U.S. seeks to take hold of the rich Iraqi oil fields. Blaming the U.S. for imperialist intentions, anti-war advocates do not want to see a war that is based on oil.

In the End

The U.N. has demanded that Iraq disarm. Protestors agree that the disarming should take place but through peaceful inspections. The U.N. has been battling whether Iraq is in breach of its obligation to U.N. resolution 1441 which states Iraq must fully cooperate with U.N. inspections.

"The debate is open to whether Iraq poses a threat to the U.S. and the world," says SU political science professor Leonard Robinson. "The quagmire the U.S. is in lies within the fact it calls for regime change."

Talk focuses on asylum-seekers

By Charles Bloom

Zachary Dziedzic, an employee of Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services (ILS) spoke at Salisbury University about asylum seekers in the U.S. on March 11.

Dziedzic biked along the route from the ILS offices in Baltimore to visit four detention centers holding Maryland asylum seekers. The purpose of the 452-mile trek was to raise attention and



Zachary Dziedzic speaks to Salisbury students.

money for the plight of those detained while attempting to flee persecution overseas.

At the talk, Dziedzic outlined his own reasons for involvement in the project.

"After working with asylum seekers, and learning how they had sacrificed their lives and their families' lives for something they believed in, I became inspired. I decided that I needed to do everything I can to help these people."

Dziedzic began working with asylum seekers three years ago when he joined ILS. In addition to a variety of other assistance they provide for the immigrant population, he and his colleagues represent asylum-seekers free of charge.

"Because I work with this population, I'm aware of what needs are met and not met," said Dziedzic. "I find that one of the most important is legal representation."

This was the impetus behind his efforts

to gather attention and financial aid for those immigrants in greatest need of legal representation.

Bridgette Devaney, who was responsible for bringing Dziedzic to campus, works part time with the campus Training for All Teachers project and part time for ILS. Her interest in the problems of asylum seekers began when she worked as an interpreter in the Health Department after leaving college. Since that time, she has devoted considerable time towards the assistance of immigrants and their families.

"I found them extremely hard working. They contribute a lot to our

communities and we don't always recognize their contributions. I enjoy working with them greatly," said Devaney.

As employees of Catholic Charities they are unable to advocate a specific solution to the problems faced by asylum seekers, but both encourage individuals who disagree with current policy to get involved. Some suggested alternatives, including building facilities specifically for the use of asylum seekers and a parole system currently in use for other classifications of immigrants.

Dziedzic finds these asylum seekers are caring and passionate individuals who renew faith in the American idea by seeking a future in the U.S. As a result, he believes he has a responsibility to raise awareness of their difficulties in obtaining legal assistance once reaching the U.S.



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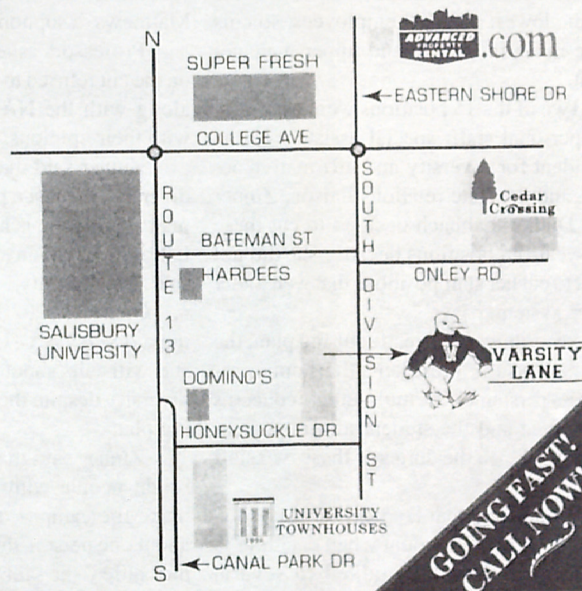
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Editorial

Freedom fries or a French fry fiasco?

The message in the halls of Congress, according to Representative Ney, is that the French are inherently wicked. The Congressional cafeterias now serve freedom fries and freedom toast, a name change reminiscent of when sauerkraut became "liberty cabbage" during World War II.

"This action today is a small but symbolic effort to show the strong displeasure of many on Capitol Hill with the actions of our so-called ally, France," said Ney, chairman of the House Administration Committee.

He also allegedly wore a t-shirt with an embroidered message: "Texas is larger than France." Perhaps his next move would be the release of a handy list of obvious Frenchisms that everyone should avoid.

French doors, French kiss, French tip manicure, French salad dressing, French poodle, French bread pizza, French's brand

mustard, actor French Stewart, French window, French horn, Frenchie from *Grease*, French seam, French cuff, French maid and French tickler (Ooo la la).

There are other French things that maybe aren't as obvious. The next time you are in a restaurant, for example, abstain from saying "soup du jour" or "à la carte." Don't commit a faux pas by saying the word "faux pas." Show your allegiance and reach for a bottle of "Deer Park" bottled water before "Evian." Also, refrain from listening to "Lady Marmalade."

While de-Frenchifying popular culture, America should also oust Celine Dion from her current stint in Las Vegas. Once she is no longer a threat, other things can be "freedomized." The Statue of Liberty? Send it back! The Louisiana Purchase? Who needs it? Les Miserables on Broadway? It is a good thing the show is closing in May.

Lastly, when others say a bad word, make sure you do not up the ante yourself by say-

ing the dreaded phrase "Watch your French."

The other side: Freedom fry fighters

In recent weeks, many people in our country have put down the protesting signs, and begun to support our country and our president. Some have even gone so far as to rename French fries to "freedom" fries.

Many see this action as ridiculous, believing that it is just a way of showing their displeasure with the French as they oppose our proposal for action. Many who view these renaming acts as ridiculous, also thought that the abundance of American flags after 9/11 was a marketing scam. Others see these actions as just another way of displaying American patriotism and pride.

As we are on the brink of war, it is important for our citizens to come together and show their support for each other, our troops and our country.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor, *Flyer* staff and readers,

I must begin by apologizing for the tardiness of this response. When the February 27th issue of *The Flyer* came out with Brandon's letter included, SOAP and I were at our national conference. I also want to thank Adam, the *Flyer's* Features Editor for his support of SOAP in the March 6th issue. However, I feel that it is important that we respond, and since this is not the first time we've had reactions to our policy on trips, it seems like now might be a good opportunity to give you a little background on how the SOAP Recreation & Travel committee works. But before I do that, we want to thank Brendan for his letter, and for taking the time to share his thoughts about SOAP. We always welcome student input even in the form of complaint.

The bus companies we work with supply us with 46 or 48 passenger busses, depending on availability. Because we generally book our busses a semester in advance, we are usually lucky and get the 48 passenger busses. For any trip, regardless of the number of seats, four will not be sold. Two are held for the advisor for the trip and two are held for the organizer of the trip, the Recreation & Travel Chair. All other tickets are purchased. Yes, we make a limited number available to the other SOAP chairs. That number is 4. Our policy is that a maximum of 4 tickets that SOAP chairs can purchase. One goes to the Support Person, a SOAP chair who acts as an assistant for Rachel, the Rec & Travel Chair. The other three are only available individually, and only for the use of the Chair.

One of the problems that our Rec & Travel committee faces is the overwhelming expense involved in each trip. To help explain, let's get specific. For the Wizards game, each ticket to the basketball game cost SOAP \$50. The bus rental cost \$600. So, SOAP paid about \$63 per person. We charged the students \$20 each. This is less than 1/3 of the cost. This is a typical percentage, more often the students pay less than that, but rarely do they pay more. Be-

cause Rec & Travel offers such a discount, they cannot offer unlimited tickets or busses. The money raised by the sale of tickets for one trip is already slated to supplement the cost of the next one.

The Rec & Travel committee takes very seriously the belief that these trips are for the students. And one of our troubles has always been how tickets are sold. If you were here last year, you may remember waiting in line overnight in GUC for tickets to go on sale at 8am. Ticket sales were announced 24 hours before they started. SOAP faced almost constant complaints, from both students and staff, about this procedure. So we tried a number of alternatives, until finally, Rachel came up the "phone-in" idea employed by Ticketmaster. She sets up a time and the committee takes the calls in the order they come in. We have 2 phones connected to the SOAP line, and if one is busy the call rolls to the other. If both phones are busy, the calls go to voicemail. Our members answer the phones as quickly as possible until all the tickets are accounted for and there is a minimum of 10 people on the waiting list. The successful callers then have a limited amount of time to pay for their tickets at the Info Desk before they are offered to the waiting list. It is the most unbiased way we have found to sell our tickets. For the Wizards trip, the tickets sold out (and the waiting list filled up) in 13 minutes.

This is to give each of you a better idea of what goes into the making of a trip. If you have other questions or concerns about SOAP or any of our activities, please do not hesitate to contact us or better yet join one of our committees and help us plan our events. We look forward to hearing from you or seeing you at an event in the future!

Sincerely,
Jenn Wade
Assistant Director, OSOA&L
SOAP Advisor
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Dear Editors of *The Flyer*,

I want to thank the *Flyer* for its continued coverage of the Salisbury University Advocacy Network and its message. Your support has helped spur the efforts of many people on this campus and has resulted in over 1400 signatories to the electronic petition on the No More Cuts website (www.salisbury.edu/nomorecuts) that urges no more budget reductions for higher education.

Across the 13 schools and institutes that constitute the University System of Maryland, 16386 full names with 12909 active email addresses have been collected as of March 14th. SU is second in absolute numbers of campus-related people signing the petition and tied with College Park in the proportion of people signing as a percentage of student enrollment. That says a lot about the concern and commitment of the SU community.

I also want to thank publicly the three students who were instrumental in creating and running the SU Phonathon on February 28 when over 80 students called their legislators (and their parents) to voice their concern proposed additional budget cuts to Maryland public universities. Sondra Dietz, BriAnn Trombetta, and Ron Cirillo have been outstanding members of the SU Advocacy Network.

Ellen Zinner, Chair
SU Advocacy Network

How much do students, faculty, and staff care about cuts to Salisbury University's budget?

In January, faced with mid-year budget cuts of almost \$100 million, the University System of Maryland boosted tuitions for Salisbury University students by 5% for the second semester.

This decision may have seemed understandable given the state's projected budget deficit. But why have our colleges and universities, which receive less than 10% of the state budget, been forced to take al-

most one third of this year's budget cuts? And why did the Maryland House Appropriations Subcommittee vote this week to cut the higher education budget by ANOTHER \$37 million?

Before I joined the University's Board of Regents, I was vice chair of the Maryland House Ways and Means Committee, where I worked to protect the state's investment in higher education. So I know a little about how elected officials make these decisions - and what motivates them.

The problem is not that the governor and the legislature don't understand the importance of Salisbury, or that they don't care about education.

The problem is that they get conflicting messages from their constituents - support education, help the poor, improve transportation, protect our environment, fight crime, and hold down my taxes. What elected officials REALLY want to know is: what do their constituents care MOST about?

That's why lobbying works - and why those of us who care about Salisbury need to stand up for our own interests. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.

It's time for us to squeak.

The best way to do it is to call or email your legislators and tell them that you want them to vote NO to more budget cuts for higher education. (You can get legislators phone numbers and email addresses at www.mdelect.net.) You can also join thousands of other Marylanders in signing our virtual "NO MORE CUTS" petition to the legislature at www.supporthighereducation.com.

Right now, the legislature is making decisions on Salisbury's budget. Higher tuition, bigger classes, and jobs are all at risk.

How much do you care?
Jim Rosapepe
Member, USM Board of Regents and former Vice Chair of the Maryland House Ways and Means Committee

Spring Break travel tips

By Becki Lee
Copy Editor

Fun places to spend spring break: the Bahamas, Cancun, Jamaica. Not fun places to spend spring break: jail, the hospital, in traction. Unfortunately, many spring-break-ing students end up in these unhappy "vacation" spots, whether out of recklessness, bad luck or just plain being uninformed. But if you follow these travel tips and use your head when you're out and about, the worst you'll have to worry about will be how to show off your new tan.

Here's an obvious one to start with: **leave the drugs at home.** Seriously. Approximately 2,500 Americans are arrested in foreign countries every year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Consular Affairs, which is the government's office in charge of travel abroad. Half of these arrests are on charges related to narcotics, including possession of even a small amount of drugs.

Therefore, if someone hands you a package and asks you to deliver it for them, don't do it. Drug trafficking is not looked upon kindly in most countries. In fact, according to the Bureau of Consular Affairs, several countries - including the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Mexico - have enacted even stricter drug laws, imposing mandatory jail time on anyone caught with marijuana or cocaine for personal use. And the U.S. Bureau of Consular Affairs *cannot* get you out of jail.

By Kristina Lawall

Any college student who has ever owned a credit card most likely dreads the monthly visit to the mailbox. Inside what was known as the happy home of checks from Grandma and "I love you" notes from Mom, now holds the most evil form of post: the credit card bill.

Those in debt can't help feeling anguish, shock and disbelief as they review

Rotting in jail for years upon years is not the best way to spend your younger years - be smart and stay away from drugs. Be careful with alcohol, too - the Bureau of Consular Affairs states that students have been arrested abroad for being intoxicated in public areas, for drunk driving and for underage drinking. In addition, young Americans traveling the world have also died from car accidents, drownings and falls related to alcohol or drug abuse.

Next tip: **be informed.** The Bureau of Consular Affairs has a website (<http://travel.state.gov>) with Consular Information Sheets and Background Notes on about 170 countries. These sheets will help you familiarize yourself with your destination. You should also learn the local laws and customs. Did you know that in some countries it is illegal to invite a member of the opposite sex into your hotel room? Or that women can be arrested for "improper dress" in other countries? The better informed you are, the better chance you'll have of enjoying your spring break and not pissing off the locals.

Airport hints and tips: Leave any sharp items out of your carry-on bags. Items like pocketknives, corkscrews or even nail files can be considered dangerous, so you can't take them with you into the plane but

you *can* leave them in the luggage you intend to check. Also, don't forget to arrive early enough to pass through all the security checkpoints.

Al Truitt, owner of Truitt's Travel Agency, suggests that students **travel in groups.** "Ideally, what you want to do is travel with people that you know, because usually when we're dealing with college students [we book] four to a room," he says. "And familiarize yourself with the destination so you are aware of any safety precautions you may need to take."

lately set on traveling alone, then the Bureau of Consular Affairs advises leaving a copy of your itinerary with friends and family and setting up check-in times where you will contact them and let them know you are alright.

Health hints and tips: Before you leave, make sure you have medical insurance that will cover any emergencies incurred while you're overseas. If not, you may want to look into travel insurance, which can also be of aid with emergency medical issues (plus, it can help cover the expense of lost or stolen luggage - always a plus). If you have any prescription medi-

cation, be sure to bring enough with you for the visit - but don't carry a ridiculous amount, because you could be arrested on suspect of drug trafficking if you have more than what is appropriate for personal use. And as we've established, that's just bad news.

Another tip to help make the spring break process as painless as possible: **book your trips early.** "Usually, you want to have the reservations made by December, or when [you] come back in January," Truitt says. He explains that the most popular trips are to warm-weather destinations, like the Bahamas, Cancun, Jamaica or Punta Cana, which is in the Dominican Republic. Likewise, Donna from Hall's Tidewater Travel says that Cancun and the Florida area are their most popular spring break areas for cruises.

Most of all, your spring break should be fun. Remembering these tips will help keep your trip on track and prevent you from making an unexpected stop at a police office or medical center. Just remember to use your head and do as Donna suggests: "Stay alert. Just basically play it safe."

To find more information about safely traveling abroad, visit the student-oriented website for the U.S. Bureau of Consular Affairs: <http://travel.state.gov/studentinfo.html>.

Taking the sting out of the swipe

things add up because of interest if you don't compensate for purchases when paying your bill.

Students who enjoy the sound of plastic swiping against metal should be aware of the warning signs. According to Bank of America, some of these dangers include:

1. An inability to make monthly minimum credit card payments.
2. Exceeding or approaching the credit limit.
3. Using your checking account credit lines or cash advances to pay bills.
4. Late payments.

College and universities have been known to sell students' mailing information to credit card companies who target naïve freshmen. Companies are notorious for renting space on campuses to advertise, and use promotional tactics such as providing free t-shirts or calling cards.

SU students facing the dangers of debt should heed the advice of upperclassmen. Camillo suggests only using credit cards for

the basics or emergencies. "Get one before you graduate college to establish credit, but only use it for stuff like gas or the essentials," says Camillo.

Those who are not in debt currently observe the pain that plastic "emergency" cards inflict upon friends and family. "A lot of my friends have to work a lot in order to meet their credit card bills," says Dan Stringer, 23, communications major.

First North American National Bank, an online banking service, suggests leaving credit cards at home to avoid unnecessary spending while shopping. Another possible solution lies in revising your budget. Making credit payments a higher priority can help reduce the amount of debt, according to FNANB.

In reference to his friends and others in similar situations, Stringer says people should cut up the cards and make monthly payments to pay it off. "Students shouldn't have credit cards until they have a good enough job to afford one," he says.

Be on the lookout, SU. The splurging student, who finds himself in debt, may remain there forever. "I'm more in debt to my parents than a credit card company," says Stringer, who uses his parents' credit card for emergencies. Many students believe the ultimate solution lies in check and debit cards that subtract from an existing account. Mommy and Daddy might agree.



Many students have trouble managing their debt.

Photo by Carla Pini

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Club Spotlight:stepping out with the Step Team

By Becki Lee
Copy Editor

The dance studio in Maggs Gym erupts into a rhythmic frenzy of foot stamping and hand clapping. Twelve to fifteen girls methodically stomp their feet, snap their fingers, swish their hands against their legs and clap their hands perfectly in time with one another, creating a fast-paced percussion beat – without the percussion.

"[Stepping is] like a cross between dancing and drums, only you don't have any drums – you do percussion with your body," explains Step Team member Roni Garrison.

Sophomore Mel Changwe, president of the SU Step Team, says that stepping is similar to dance but involves more emphasis on the hands and feet.

"It's an energetic, rhythmic way of expressing sound with your hands and feet," she says. "It's a half dance, half like Riverdance kind of stepping."

The Step Team performs by synchro-

nizing each member's moves into different styles of percussion beats, including a go-go beat and a reggae beat. Music may be involved as an intro or outro to each separate "stepping scene," but for the vast majority of the time, the team members are the sole music makers.

"It's fun, it's energetic – it's something to do," says Step Team member Tiffany Crawley.

"It's exercise!" interjects her teammate Candace Miles.

And these girls get plenty of exercise, practicing every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for up to two hours at a time. They have been practicing diligently since the beginning of the semester to perfect their routine, and the team is preparing for what

Changwe refers to as their "first big, big performance": April 5 in Holloway Hall, during the Fashion4Fashion and Modeling Club's annual Fashion Show, which begins at 8 p.m. The Fashion Show will be fol-

lowed by a performance from the new dance team, Untouchable Dancers Incorporated, and the Step Team will perform during the intermission.

"The Step Team has performed before but never for so large an audience,"

Changwe says. "This will be our first big, big one...If you don't know what stepping is, this is a good time to come out and know what it is."

The five-to-ten minute long show will feature several different "step scenes" linked by transitions, which involve stepping as well. So basically the girls will be stepping during the entire show, Changwe says. Faith Wilson, captain of the Step Team, choreographed each "step scene" herself.



Photo by Carla Pini

Step team prepares for performance.

Overheard

By Abby Finestine and Sonia Thompson

"What are you doing for Spring Break?"



"I'm going to Minnesota because that's where I live."
Keni Nelson Freshman



"I'm going home to Frederick because I won't be able to go home over the summer. I'm taking this last opportunity to see my friends and family."
Michelle Lear Freshman



"I'm going snowboarding in Vermont and hanging out with my old roommates. I haven't seen them since last year."
Joe Bukowski Sophomore



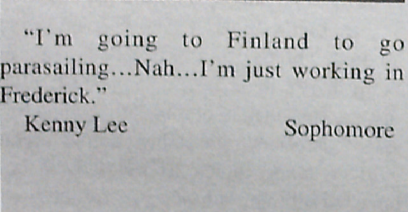
"We are planning to go to D.C. for two days. If it's warm outside we'll go to the theme park, do some sightseeing and relax."
Krystle Dacanay and Naveed Afridi Sophomores



"Panama City!"
Jason Cornwell and Vinnie Torrey Seniors



"My spring break is really boring. I'm just working. I'm poor and broke."
Lauren Cosetti Junior



"I'm going to Finland to go parasailing...Nah...I'm just working in Frederick."
Kenny Lee Sophomore



"I'm going home to Baltimore and starting a report that's due."
Erin Dietz Freshman



"I'm just going home to work and make money. I can't afford to go away."
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Arts & Entertainment



Renowned photographer exhibition

By Kristina Lawall

Black and white photography is perhaps the most versatile and beautiful form of art. Shades of gray complement contrasting hues of light and dark, illuminating an artist's subject within each frame of work. No one can deny that everything looks wonderful in black and white.

"Black and white photography has a fine art quality that color print never seems to capture," says Linda Shipp, museum programs assistant in the Office of Cultural Affairs.

From Feb. 21 to April 4, Fulton Hall's University Gallery will feature works from popular photographer Marion E. Warren. The display entitled, "A Retrospective Vision: The Photography of Marion E. Warren, 1939-2003," includes intriguing photos dedicated to capturing the essence of Maryland.

Warren's historical pictures attain the depth and emotion necessary to create pictures depicting the lifestyle of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The University Gal-

lery is filled with his photos documenting Maryland life over the past 64 years. "All the works displayed come from the Maryland State Archives, which is the largest collector of his work," says Shipp.

Warren's first show at Salisbury University was held in 1989 in the Atrium Gallery of the Guerrieri University Center. The success of the first exhibit prompted Shipp to make arrangements with Joanie Surrette, Warren's partner in photography. Together, Surrette and Shipp



One of many photographs displayed in Fulton Hall.

Photo by Carla Pini

agreed to bring the Warren's art to SU on c e again.

Shipp met Warren during his visit to SU at a lecture, where he spoke of his techniques and ac-

com- plish-

"Warren's most famous picture is of the Bay Bridge. It was taken a year after it was built in 1953," says Shipp. "He stood out there every night with his camera, so he could get the picture perfect." Warren's artistic determination brought him to the top of "church steeples, mountains, ferry terminals and out along spray-drenched sailboat bowsprits," according to an article published in the *Baltimore Sun*.

According to the *Sun*, Warren began to work exclusively with black and white photography because it "allows people to see more details 'without the distraction of color.'"

"He is planning on visiting the exhibit," says Shipp. SU's population should be quick to visit the display and encounter the art of an exquisite photographer. A man of unmatched talent, Warren will undoubtedly open the mind and artistry of SU students and faculty. His historical works devoted to the "Free State" are certainly an exciting breath of fresh air in the University Gallery.

ments in the field of photography. "I met him while I was studying for my B.F.A in two dimensional studio," says Shipp. "I admired his work, and I got to ask him questions, face-to-face."

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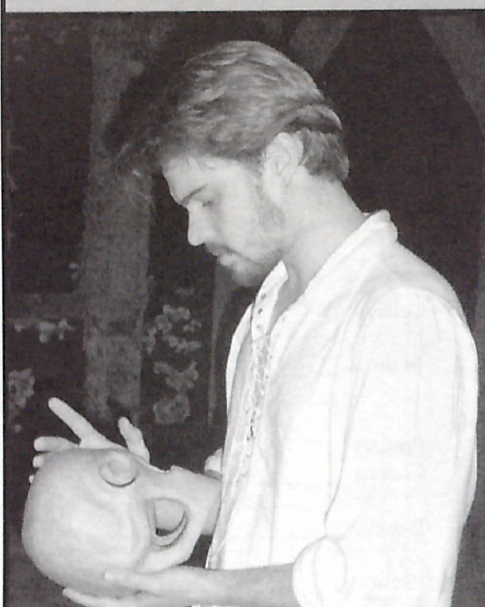


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Children tour the theatre department.

Photo by Carla Pini

Cult favorite "Buffy" to come to an end

By Brian Zitzelman

After seven seasons on WB and UPN, the TV series "Buffy: the Vampire Slayer" will come to an end. Sarah Michelle Gellar, the show's title character, recently announced that she would not continue with the program after her current contract runs out at the end of this season, citing the desire to take a hiatus from acting.

"I am going to miss this show a lot," says junior J.W. Walker. "Tuesdays are going to be lonely." Freshman Kat Hess shares the disappointment with the show's end.

"It's kind of sad because I've been watching it for so long, but at the same time I think it's a good idea," she says. "It's been six seasons; that is a lot for a TV show."

The show began in the spring of 1997 on the WB. While not an immediate ratings hit, the show quickly grew a loyal fan base. Audiences realized that while the "Buffy" film was full of camp, the TV version was laced with comedy and drama.

By the end of the second season, more and more people began tuning in and critical praise for the show erupted. Even though the show has never won an Emmy, the series has regularly shown up on "Entertainment Weekly's" and "TV Guide's" top ten lists.

In 1999, Joss Whedon, the creator of "Buffy," began a spin-off of the series with "Angel," now in its fourth year. Then, in 2001, "Buffy" moved to UPN, where it has remained since. Though "Buffy's" ratings this season are the lowest for any besides its initial one, the show still features a massive following.

The first three seasons of the show have been released on DVD over the past year and a half, adding up to more than a million copies sold.

"I have one and two, and three is on its way into my grasp," says Walker. The fourth season of the show, which features Buffy's entrance into college, is set to come out on June 10.

"It's so funny - I love the phrases said on the show," says Hess. "It has amazing acting, I mean, no show has made me cry like this one. Some of the episodes are just so touching or just so sad, I seriously cry. It's one of the few vampire basis things I really enjoy."

So, after the big finale on May 20, what do "Buffy" fans have to look forward to? Well, the rumor mill is certainly in full swing for that one. First off, some discussed the possibility of the series continuing on but centering on Eliza Dushku's character, Faith. If this does happen, it won't be for some time since Dushku is currently working on a pilot with Fox. Another show that has been discussed is one on fan favorite character Giles, played by Anthony Stewart Head. While Head has talked about the prospect of the show, no episodes are in the works.

With only two months left of "Buffy," people are already starting to see where it ranks among the all time great shows.

In the entertainment world

Latifah brings down the house:

For the second week in a row, Disney's "Bringing Down the House" held the number one spot for highest movie gross. The movie garnered \$22.4 million in weekend sales, and critics say the success comes from Latifah's involvement with the film "Chicago."

The lights are back on:

The mayor of New York City helped to reach an agreement between Broadway producers and musicians. The four-day strike caused millions of dollars in lost revenue from a lack of tourists. The strike started because of a concern that producers wanted to limit the number of musicians in the orchestra.

Apologies don't always work:

Radio stations around the country have boycotted the playing of singles from the Dixie Chicks' recent album. "Just so you know, we're ashamed of the president of the United States," lead singer Natalie Maines

told a London audience on March 10. Even though she apologized for her harsh words against the president last Friday, stations have refused to play the group's songs due to listener objections.

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Campus Blurbs

Compiled by Constance Mensh
Writers-on-the-Shore series

The Department of English at Salisbury University presents author John Hoppenthaler on Tuesday, April 1, at 8 p.m. in the Montgomery Room, Commons building. Author of a volume of poetry, *Lives of Water* (Carnegie Mellon University Press, 2003), Hoppenthaler's poems, essays and reviews have appeared in *The Southern Review*, *Arts & Letters*, *Ploughshares*, *Chelsea* and other journals. The reading is free and open to the public. For more information call Dr. Michael Waters at 410-543-6540.

Eastern Shore senior games

The 4th annual Eastern Shore Senior Games are taking place Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26. Coordinated by the Salisbury University Department of Physical Education, the games are open to men and women age 50 and over and the registration deadline is Friday, March 28. Participants compete in a variety of athletic events, both individual and team. Events include aquatics, archery, badminton, billiards, bowling, cycling, floor and foul basketball shooting, golf, handball, horseshoes, racquetball, soft-

ball and football throw, table tennis, tennis and track and field. Team events include line dancing, softball and volleyball. Participation is open to residents of Maryland, Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. For a registration booklet or more information, call K. Nelson Butler, chair, at 410-543-6177 or 410-548-4183.

The McCarter Watt's Duo performs

Wednesday, April 2, at Salisbury University, the McCarter Watts Duo, pianist Kevin McCarter and cellist Donald Watts perform music by the old masters along with one of McCarter's original compositions. *Observations*, which is McCarter's first work for cello and piano, is part of the 7 p.m. program that includes compositions from Vivaldi, Brahms and Bach. It will be held in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. McCarter is a University of Southern California graduate who has appeared across the county as an accompanist for vocal and instrumental soloists and choral ensembles. Watts holds a Ph.D. in music theory and a Master of Music in cello performance. An active professional, he has served as principal cellist in notable Baltimore-area venues: Gettysburg Symphony, Annapolis Op-

era Theater, Opera Vivente and the Morris J. Mechanic Theater. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, visit SU's web site, www.salisbury.edu or call 410-543-6030.

"Nurse Without Boundaries" speaks at SU

An American nurse who works in some of world's hot spots shares her moving stories at Salisbury University Wednesday, April 9, at 8 p.m. in the Guerrieri University Center's Wicomico Room. "Nurse Without Boundaries" Mary Lightfine has lived and worked in Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Kosovo and many other countries, often based in some of the most hellish locations on earth. In 1999, Lightfine was among distinguished members of Doctors Without Borders to be honored with the Nobel Peace Prize. She has also been nominated as a lecturer of the year by Campus Activities magazine. The lecture is free and

the public is invited. For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs and Museum Program at 410-543-6271.

"Just War" lecture

Dr. James Turner Johnson, a faculty member in the departments of Religion and Political Science at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, speaks Wednesday, April 16, at Salisbury University. The lecture "Justifying the Use of Armed Force: The Just War Idea and the Iraq Debate," is at 7 p.m. in the Guerrieri University Center's Wicomico Room. Johnson is co-editor of the *Journal of Military Ethics* and a trustee and editorial board member of the *Journal of Religious Ethics*. He has lectured at venues ranging from Harvard University to the U.S. Naval Academy. For more information contact the Office of Cultural Affairs and Museum Programs at 410-543-6271.

Crime Beat

Compiled by Sarah Frantz
News Editor

03/06/03 01:55 a.m.

Vandalism

An unknown person used chalk to write on the backside of the Allenwood Shopping Center. The Physical Plant cleaned up the letters.

03/06/03 05:40 p.m.

Hit & Run

A report was received that a vehicle parked in the Devilbiss lot was damaged by an unknown vehicle.

03/09/03 03:00 p.m.

Hit & Run

A resident of Severn Hall reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Powers Professional parking lot.

03/09/03 07:30 p.m.

Theft

A resident of Severn Hall reported that a backpack and contents were stolen from outside of a racquetball court in Maggs Gym. It had been left unattended on the floor. The officer and the student searched the building and found the backpack in the stairwell by the pool. The wallet and contents were missing.

03/07/03 02:05 p.m.

Theft

The food snack machine located on the 1st floor of Chester Hall was damaged and some of the products were stolen.

03/07/03 04:00 p.m.

Theft

Petty cash was reported to be missing from an office in the Library.

03/10/03 12:00 p.m.

Theft

A student reported that a book bag was stolen from the area of the Commons near the cashier's office.

03/09/03 10:42 p.m.

Vandalism

An unknown person kicked a hole into the drywall in the hallway on the 1st floor of the Commons near the Post Office.

03/11/03 00:15 a.m.

Theft

A piece of gray marble window ledge, approx 8" x 4.5" was reported stolen from the 1st floor of Fulton Hall near the vending area.

03/12/03 06:00 p.m.

Telephone Misuse

A student received a phone call from a non-student and during the conversation a statement was made that was threatening in nature. The non-student will be sent a no-trespass letter.

03/12/03 07:40 p.m.

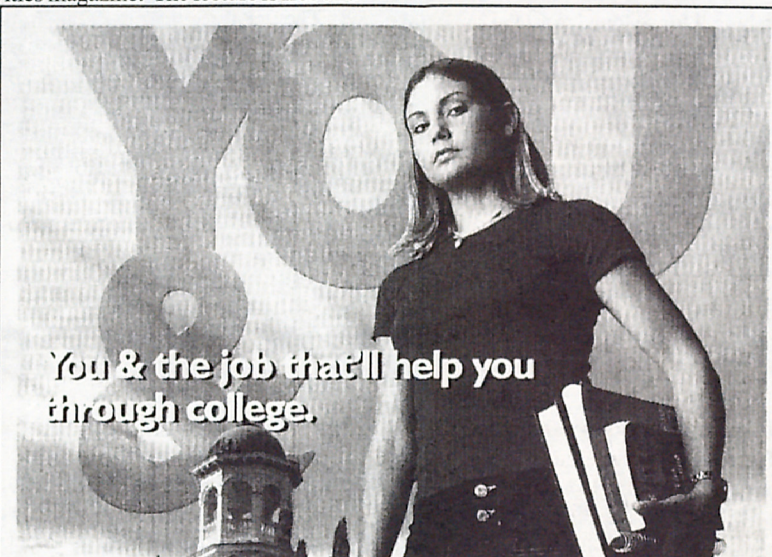
Suspicious Person

A male student was found to be in a female restroom on the 3rd floor of Henson Hall. He stated that he had inadvertently gone into the wrong restroom.

03/12/03 08:00 p.m.

Theft

A student reported that a wallet was stolen from the floor of the main gym in Maggs. The victim placed his wallet in his jacket while he played basketball and when he returned his wallet was gone.



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Easing the Madness of March

By Sean Iannucci

The dance has begun. Sixty five collegiate teams have been handed their selection Sunday invitations and will bring their best moves to the NCAA division I men's basketball championship tournament, the greatest playoff system in all of sports.

With all the powerhouse favorites, Cinderella hopefuls and mid-seed fringe teams the 2003 tournament will surely be filled with both expected and surprising results. Thankfully, the *Flyer* is offering a crash course in Bracketology 101, with conference breakdowns, top players, underdog sleepers and predictions for this year's Big Easy championship.

Conference Breakdowns.— (national ranking and record in parentheses) Big 12

The Big 12's six selected teams are perhaps the strongest representation of any conference. The tournament received two number 1 seeds from the Big 12 in Texas (#3, 22-6) and Oklahoma (#6, 24-6), who leads the Big 12 in defense and 3-pointers. Kansas, the top scoring team in the conference, received a 2 seed in the west due to their early Big 12 tournament departure, yet is one of the best teams in the nation (#4, 24-6). Oklahoma state, Colorado and Missouri are the three other Big 12 teams invited, Missouri defeating both Oklahoma State and Kansas in the Big 12 tournament.

Top Players

Hollis Price
Oklahoma
19.4ppg
Nick Collison
Kansas
18.6ppg
Kirk Hinrich
Kansas
17.9ppg
T.J Ford
Texas
14.8ppg, 7.2 apg

SEC

The SEC sends six teams and contends with the Big 12 as the toughest conference in college basketball. Kentucky (#2, 27-3), who leads the conference in scoring, went undefeated in conference play and earned a 1 seed after winning the SEC championship on Sunday. Florida (#7, 24-6) dropped in the polls the final weeks after consecutive losses to Georgia, Kentucky and LSU but remains one of the best 3-point teams in the nation. LSU, the top rebounding SEC team, and Mississippi State each possess incredible defenses and have played tough in the season's closing game, making them possible sleepers in the tournament. Auburn and Alabama round out the SEC, Bama getting in despite a losing conference record.

Top Players

Keith Bogans
Kentucky
15.8ppg
Matt Bonner
Florida
15.8ppg
M. Daniels
Auburn
18.2ppg
Ron Dupree
LSU
16ppg
Pac-10

Arizona (#1, 25-2) was the top-ranked team for the length of the regular season and lead the Pac-10 in scoring, but was bumped from the conference tournament in the first round by UCLA. High powered offense Oregon came on strong after a disappointing season to win the Pac-10 championship. Stanford (#14, 23-7) the conference's best defense team, California (#23, 20-7) and Arizona State top off the selected Pac-10 programs.

Top Players

Luke Ridnour
Oregon

20.0ppg, 6.5 apg
Luke Jackson
Oregon
16.0ppg, 7 rpg
Joe Ship
California
20.7ppg
Ike Diogu
Arizona St.
18.9ppg, 7.6 rpg
ACC

Duke (#12, 21-6) won its fifth straight conference championship and led the ACC in scoring. Maryland (#15, 19-8) looks to return to the final four despite a streaky season. The Terps led the ACC in defense and 3-point shooting. The surprise team in the ACC has been Wake Forest (#9, 23-4), who looks to continue their remarkable season. N.C State received an at large bid after a strong performance in the ACC tournament.

Top Players

Josh Howard
Wake Forest
20.1ppg, 8 rpg
Julius Hodge
N.C State
17.6ppg, 4.2 apg, 6 rpg
Dahntey Jones
Duke
17.2ppg
Steve Blake
Maryland
7.1 apg, 12 ppg
Big East

Pittsburgh (#5, 23-4) has the nation's best defense but was snubbed a 1 seed despite their stellar season and conference championship. High scoring, low defense Syracuse (#11, 23-4) will look to go further in the big tournament after losing to UCONN in the Big East semifinals. Streaky Notre Dame (#19, 22-8) and conference scoring leader UCONN also received at large bids.

Top Players

Marquette

Carmelo Anthony
Syracuse
20.4ppg, 10 rpg
Matt Carol
Notre Dame
20.9ppg
Brendin Knight
Pittsburgh
6.4 apg
Emeka Okafor
UCONN
16ppg, 11 rpg, 3 bpg
Big 10

The Conference seemed a little weak this season, not having a team in the top 12 of the national poll for the first time in years. Well-rounded Illinois (#13, 21-6), number one in scoring and two in defense, is the conference champion, but is followed closely in strength by Wisconsin, the Big 10's best defensive team (#18, 22-6). Indiana, Michigan State and Purdue will also represent the Big 10.

Top Players

Brian Cook
Illinois
20.1ppg, 7.1rpg
Jeff Newton
Indiana
14.9ppg, 8.6 rpg
Dee Brown
Illinois
4.7 apg, 12.4 ppg
Conference USA

Watch out for the Conference USA teams in the tournament. Marquette (#8, 23-4), Conference champ Louisville (#14, 21-6) and Memphis (#24-22-5) all have potential to surprise. Cincinnati was the fourth team selected from the conference.

Top Players

Dwyane Wade
Marquette
21.9ppg
Reece Gaines
Louisville
18.4ppg, 5.3 apg
Atlantic 10

Another conference not to be taken lightly, the A-10 only sends three teams but all pose as underdog threats. Xavier (#10, 24-4) will look to improve on their upset conference semifinal loss to Temple, while Conference champ Dayton and often-regular season poll present St. Joseph's will attempt to move through the brackets as mid-seed teams.

Top Players

David West
Xavier
20.4ppg, 11.9 rpg
Jameer Nelson
St. Joe's
18ppg, 4.9 apg
Romain Sato
Xavier
18ppg

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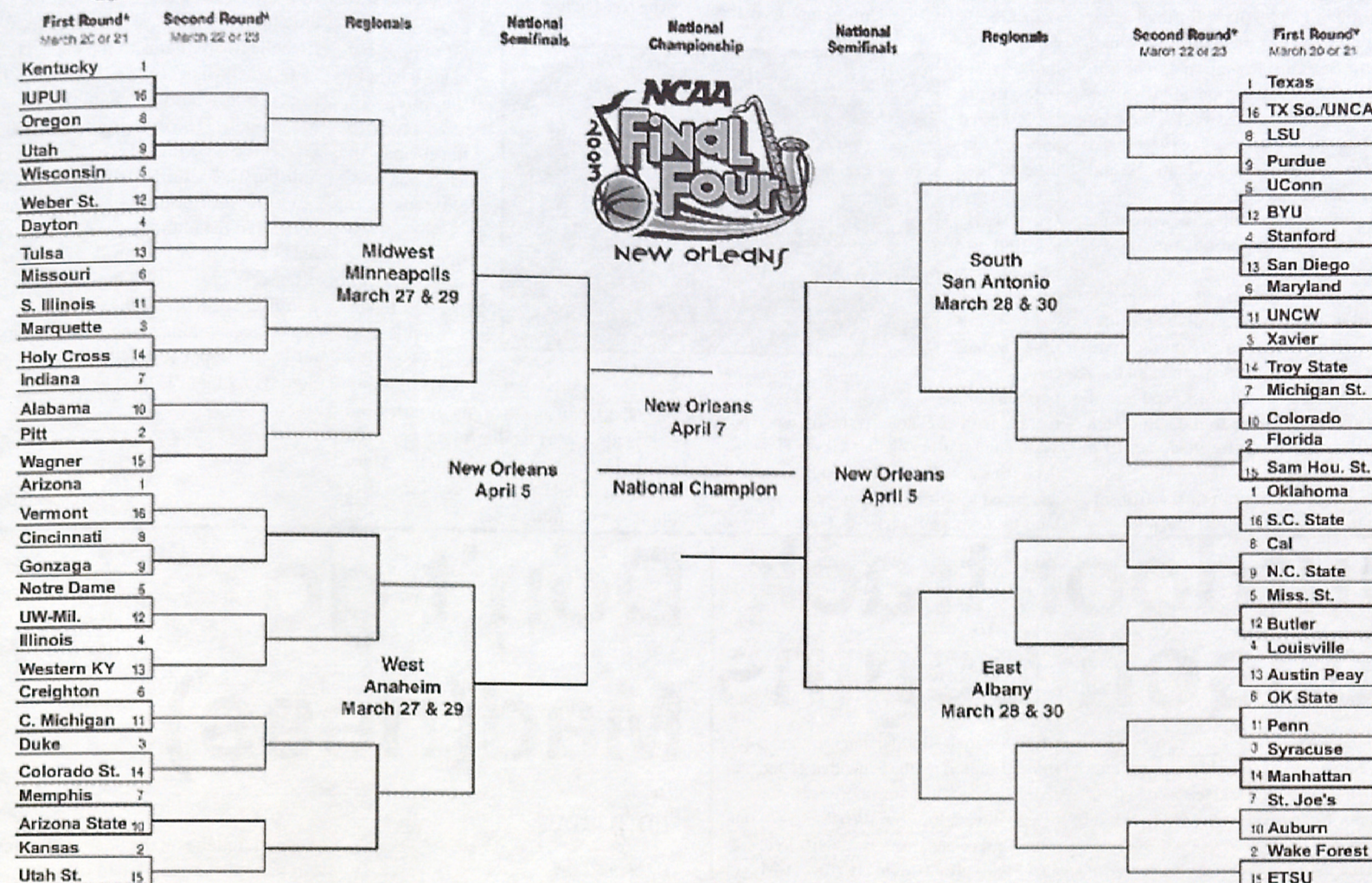
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Softball downs Moravian

By Matt Dewhurst

Salisbury University's Softball team beat Moravian 4-0 in their opening round game of the Sea Gull Invitational. The win was their eighth of the season and with one later that afternoon against Wilks, they are now 9-1-1 on the season. Salisbury was lead by senior third baseman Lisa Gentilella and freshman pitcher Lacey Lister.

The game started out slow, with both teams having trouble putting runs on the board for the first two innings. Leading off the third, Gentilella legged out a ground ball to third base to give the Gulls some life. After advancing to second on a perfect bunt by senior short-stop Kate Garland and then stealing third base, Gentilella scored one of two runs she would have in the game on a long sacrifice fly to left by freshman Erin Ruest.

Then came the bottom of the fifth inning, where Salisbury played like a top ten

team is supposed to play. Starting again with Gentilella, the Gulls employed the

same formula as before, using their speed and base running to load the bases.

Gentilella singled to center to lead off the inning. This time Garland laid down a perfect bunt, making both Greyhound third basemen Kira Weller and starting pitcher Megan Hennessy dive for the ball, both missing. Gentilella advanced to third off the misplay and Garland found herself on first. Then it was se-

nior Katie Mullinix who bunted next and reached on a fielder's choice. Gentilella was

nearly picked off at third but made it back in the nick of time, much to the dismay of Moravian fans.

Next up was junior first baseman Rosie Alely, who with the bases loaded

smacked the ball to deep center field, advancing all the runners and setting up a play at the plate between Gentilella and Greyhound catcher Mary Smith. Gentilella won that contest, easily bulling over Smith.



SU softball team poses for picture.

Photo by Carla Pini

But the Gulls were not done there. Ruest hit a dribbler up the first base line, drawing both Hennessy and first basemen Richelle McWilliams to the ball. The outcome was an indecision as to who was fielding the hit and a rushed throw by McWilliams. The over-throw allowed both Garland and Mullinix to score, giving Salisbury a comfortable lead at 4-0.

On the mound Lister was nearly unhittable the entire game. The southpaw out of Denton, MD controlled the Moravian offense, pitching 1-2-3 innings in the third, fourth and fifth before the Greyhounds were able to get anything going. Salisbury moved on to the upper level brackets played on Saturday, March 15th.

Outdoor track season begins

By Noah Wood

On Saturday, March 15th, the men's and women's Track & Field teams had their first outdoor track meet of the outdoor season, which was held on their own fields.

Both the men's and women's teams finished first in many of the throwing, jumping and running events at the meet. The meet took place at SU's track under the supervision of graduate student and Assistant Coach, Larry O'Hara, while Jim Jones, the head coach, was in Indiana at the Indoor Track and Field National Championships.

"Great day for competing," said Coach O'Hara shortly after the completion of the meet. "The men won every running event from the 100 to the 5000 meter races as well as all the throwing events. The women performed well, winning the 400 through the 5000 meter events while placing well in the throwing and jumping events."

The Seagulls obliterated the competition from the four other teams that competed, which were Middlesex Community College, Montgomery College, Rutgers University Camden and Stevens Tech.

First place finishes on the men's side included sophomore Tristan Gilbert in the 1500 meter dash and 800 meter dash, junior Justin Johnson in the 400 meter hurdles and the 400 meter dash, freshman Will

Murdoch in the 5000 meter race and sophomore Brandon Fields in the discus and hammer throw.

"I have a lot of improving to do, but it was a great start to a wonderful season," said Fields after winning two events. Fields, like many of the other Sea Gulls, expects better successes and achievements as the season goes on.

Among some of the first place finishers for the women were freshman Sarah Hynes in the 800 meter dash, freshman Catherine Bogese in the 5000 meter race, freshman Dana Sillers in the long jump and triple jump and junior Rebecca Lyons in the 1500 meter dash and 3000 meter race.

"I think the team really started the season off well," stated Lyons. "There were a lot of great times and performances, and it's a good indicator of what is to come."

This meet was well run, well attended and well achieved by the Sea Gulls. As a result of the huge success at the Salisbury University Opener, there was a very apparent boost in the Sea Gulls' confidence and courage to face the challenges later in the season. Even though Head Coach Jim Jones could not attend the meet, he would likely be proud of the performances, work ethic and team spirit that brought the Sea Gulls a great victory at their home competition.

Don't go Mad(ness)

EDITORIAL

By Matt Rosati

Oh, the madness, it's enough for me to not study for my mid-terms, "forget" to go to my afternoon classes. No other sporting event in America captivates the average Joe like the NCAA basketball tournament. If you're like me, you are saying to yourself, "Self, who is going to win it all?" Unlike you, I have the answer. It's really simple. All that you have to do is look at the past 20 years and ask yourself these questions:

1. Do uniforms matter?

Yes, everyone knows "that lady" who fills out her bracket picking solely on the team with the better uniforms. She never wins. With that in mind, you can cross off all of the orange uniforms from your final four. Goodbye Texas, Florida, Syracuse, Illinois and Oklahoma St.

2. Do defending champions have a shot at winning it again?

Yes and no. In the past 20 years only Duke has repeated, but I'm going to play my odds this year. Sorry Terps fans; they just do not have it this year, but at least you can cross them off early.

3. Can a mid-major make a final four run?

Nope, but perhaps a sweet 16, and if the b-ball gods are smiling, a spot in the elite eight. Although the top 30 picks are littered this year with the Cinderellas, it's just not happening. You have to look back to Marquette's 1977 victory find the last time that happened. Say ta-tah to Xavier, Creighton, Dayton and Memphis. We will

keep Marquette on the board out of respect for their above-mentioned title.

That leaves us with eight serious contenders. I'm not saying that Arizona, Kentucky, Kansas, Pitt, Marquette, Wake Forest, Duke and Kansas will make the final eight, but one of these teams will win it all. To thin out this field you have to ask yourself two more questions.

4. Do the Conference tournaments really matter?

Yes, some argue that the conference tournaments tire a team out. I believe that it separates the good regular season teams from the teams that can win day in and day out. Say goodbye to Arizona, Kansas, Marquette and Wake Forest.

We are left with Duke, Kentucky, Pitt and Oklahoma. The ACC was below past ACC standards, so adios Duke. Oklahoma is loaded, Kentucky has not lost since before the new year began and Pitt is the #1 team out of what I believe is the #1 conference. So how do you eliminate two of these teams?

5. Can you separate teams by records versus common opponents?

Generally speaking, coaches and commentators say no. In my article I am the expert, so I say yes! Oklahoma lost to Mississippi St. and Alabama; Pitt went down in defeat to Georgia. Kentucky beat Miss. St. twice, Georgia and Alabama once. The SEC tourney was held in New Orleans and Kentucky refused to cut down the nets after winning it. With unfinished business to take care of, the Wildcats will be cutting down the nets when all is said and done.

NCAA

Cinderella Teams

Troy State Weber State
Holy Cross Troy State

Mid-Seed Sleepers

Oregon - Has the offense to shock Kentucky, and the world
St. Joseph's - Could play the part of spoiler in shaky east bracket
LSU - Could surprise many despite position in stacked south bracket
Gonzaga - Back to their role as underdog, when they play best
Uconn - Okafor and Ben Johnson a dynamic duo

High-Seed Underdogs

#2 Wake Forest - Best rebounding team in Nation
#4 Stanford - Best defense and rebounding team in Pac-10
#4 Illinois - Extremely rounded team one of smartest in nation
#3 Duke - Always scary come March will shake off streaky season

Overrated

Texas - Tough schedule not convincing enough. Shabby defense.
Arizona - UCLA loss will prove prophetic
Syracuse - Great offense, no defense
Oklahoma - will lose to either California or N.C. State